

the words of the "formula," into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and the actions in honor to the tri-une god-head are used simultaneous, then and then only is it trinity in unity, and as well, unity in trinity.

No. 5. The one death, burial and resurrection of Christ, warrant eternal salvation to all who are made partakers of the divine nature. But of the commission of Jesus Christ delivered first to his chosen witnesses after his death, burial and resurrection *warrant* trine immersion as the apostolic baptism. See Matt. 28:19. "Go ye and teach all nations dipping them into the name of the Father, and into the name of the Son, and into the name of the Holy Spirit."

No. 6. The triple action in baptism does not represent three burials. Neither does it represent the burial of Christ. If it did, the subject would have to remain in the watery grave until the third day. Baptism represents a burial three-fold in consonance with the trinity of the one Godhead as taught by Jesus Christ. See Matt. 28:19. The triple action in baptism does not represent the death of Christ, or the sinner. The sinner must die to sin before he is a proper subject for the solemn rite, or sacrament. In "regeneration" there is first a dying to sin (ceasing to sin.) Second, there is a real burying in water representing the burial of the dead body (sin;) in the rising of the living *new* man out of the watery grave, there is a representation of a resurrection to newness of life. Baptism does not represent death either single, dual, triple, or quadruple. The circumcision of the heart represents a dying to sin. In the wonderful struggle there may be many actions. The apostle Paul tells us that "without faith it is impossible to please God," and "godly sorrow worketh repentance not to be repented of." There must be conception of the "incorruptible seed which is the word of God." Then, "quickening," next, the new birth, conviction, conversion, regeneration, dying to sin, burial, resurrection. I never saw or heard of a burial by one action. In the resurrection of the saints that arose after the resurrection of Christ there were several actions. The graves were opened when Christ was on the cross. They arose after his resurrection. They came out of their graves and appeared to many in the city.

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SERMONS IN QUAIN TEXTS

Text:—When Herod was dead. Matthew 2:19.

It is a comforting thought that such men as Herod *will* die. What a world this would be if such men were to live in it forever. It was this Herod who issued a decree that all the children of two years and under in Bethlehem and the coasts thereof should be slain, hoping thereby to slay the infant Jesus. But his plans wonderfully miscarried. The holy child Jesus was under the protection of the great Father and such wicked schemes as those of Herod's can not frustrate his pur-

poses. The cause of God moves grandly forward notwithstanding the Herods who would destroy it. Herod died, but the angel lived on, so did God and his cause and the holy child Jesus was as tenderly protected as ever. There is great comfort in this truth. Trouble may come and does come; our enemies may be bitter against us, but we are in God's keeping and we need have no fear of the outcome. Those who dwell in the secret place of the most high and under the shadow of his wing are safe in his keeping against all the fiery darts of the devil. We need have no concern about the cause of God which is dear to us. All the wicked Herods in the universe can not destroy the child Jesus and the religion which he brought into the world. Many have been the enemies of God who have predicted the failure of Christianity, and then set about fulfilling their own predictions. Churches were to be closed, the Bible was to be read no more in our homes, the old hymns were to be sung no more, religious institutions were to be banished from the earth, but they have come and gone. Like Herod, they are dead who sought the young child, and the angels in heaven have held a consultation and said to one another, "They are dead who sought the young child." Let the heathen rage and the people imagine vain things, the children of God are not alarmed but as a great army are marching on to victory. Those who find protection beneath the cross of Christ shall never die; they shall live forever, they are an immortal host, and when all the wicked Herods will have passed into the dark blackness of night, they will live on thro deathless ages.

Text:—For they were fishers. Matthew 4:18.

That is, their occupation was that of fishing, and when Christ met them they were busily engaged in their calling. These are the kind of men Jesus wanted for his apostles. So it has always been. When God wanted men for some great work he found them among those who were faithful in the little duties of life, those who were doing well what they were called to do however humble their occupation may have been. Moses was tending his sheep when God called him to be the deliverer of his people. Elisha was taken away from the plow to become God's great prophet. So when Jesus wanted apostles he did not pick them up from among those who were lounging about with their hands in their pockets doing nothing, and complaining that their lot in life was a hard one. It was a great calling to which Jesus called them, and he must have men who are faithful in all the activities of life, men full of energy and earnestness. Here is an important lesson for the young. If we expect Christ to call us to high and responsible duties we must not sit down in idleness and wait for something to turn up, we must be about doing something. Those who are not faithful in the little duties of life need not expect to be entrusted with higher and nobler duties. It is from the humblest occupations in life that God has called his ablest and

most useful servants. Whatever your place in life may be, whether in the kitchen or in the counting room, be faithful and to you the call will come for higher and nobler service.

Our Dead

SMITH.—Rebecca Smith, widow of Samuel Smith, died of pneumonia at Benevola Wednesay Nov. 3, 10:30. She was ill for about a week. She was a Miss Wachtel and was born in Frederick county. Her husband died about thirteen years ago. She leaves a sister, Mrs. Susan Smith, wife of Henry Smith. She and her sister married brothers. Her surviving children are Sampson, Indiana; Charles E., sheriff of Washington county; Misses Arbelian and Carrie E., at home; Mrs. Mary E. Cost, Smoketown. Rev. Daniel Smith, a Lutheran minister at Mansfield, O., died three or four years ago. She was a member of the Lutheran church, Boonsboro, and a good Christian. Funeral Saturday morning; services in the Lutheran church, Boonsboro, by Rev. J. E. Maurer; interment in Boonsboro cemetery.

REAM.—In the North Manchester church Wabash County, Ind., Joseph G. Ream died Nov. 13, 1897, aged 71 years, 4 months and 8 days. Brother Ream had been a member of the Brethren church from the time of its organization in this place. For 32 years he had been totally blind, the result of disability in the service of his country, yet he bore that affliction with much patience and submission. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn the loss they deeply feel. Funeral services on the 14th at 2 P. M., conducted by the writer, from I Samuel 20:30. "There is but a step between me and death."

I. B. WRIGHT.

PLETCHER.—In the Fairview congregation, Fayette County, Ohio, November 12, 1897, Sister Mattie, wife of brother Philip Pletcher, and daughter of W. A. and Susie Devore, aged 20 years, 2 months and 18 days. She had been a Christian almost from childhood and her friends sorrow not as those who have no hope.

J. M. TOMBAUGH.

FELHART.—Brother Charles Fellhart was born in Putnam County, Mo., March 13, 1855, died Nov. 5, 1897, aged 42 years, 8 months less 8 days. Confessed Christ and was baptized by the writer June 18, 1888,

JOSEPH ZOOK.

Udell, Iowa.

Messenger please copy.

MCDONALD.—Ottie McDonald was born in Homerville, Medina County, Ohio, July 28, 1881, died Oct. 31, 1897, aged 16 years, 3 months and 3 days.

T. A. McDONALD.

Opportunities are the doors by which we enter heaven.